

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 2

Introduced by: Senator Moore and Representatives Michels and Hunhoff

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Yankton baseball great Romaine "Red" Loecker for his 2004 induction into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Romaine "Red" Loecker was the Most Valuable Player in the 1969 state amateur baseball tournament and was the batting champ in the 1969, 1970, and 1976 tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Romaine "Red" Loecker, as shortstop, led the Yankton Lakers to state championships in 1969 and 1975 and also led the South Dakota over-50 team to a national title; and

WHEREAS, Romaine "Red" Loecker was an all-state quarterback and a state hurdles champ in high school and a three-sport star at Yankton College; and

WHEREAS, Romaine "Red" Loecker attracted the attention of Major League scouts until he suffered an injury in the Vietnam War:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Romaine "Red" Loecker be recognized for his 2004 induction into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame.